

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1515 without my signature.

The safety of California students is of the utmost importance. The California Constitution and state law provide for the protection and safety of all California students. While undue seclusion and restraints, including physical, chemical and mechanical on students are never acceptable, the provisions of this bill are too prescriptive.

Unfortunately, this bill could result in inhibiting school employees from intervening in an emergency situation and place more students at risk of potential harm. I am concerned that it may have unintended consequences that can be detrimental to the best interest of all students. I encourage school districts to be more conscious of maintaining a fair balance between protecting the safety of all their teachers and students, while using reasonable, common sense standards in ensuring that seclusion and restraints are not overly applied in a way that may harm the welfare of specific students.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger